

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus capable of picking up an image as a moving image, comprising:

(A) a recording device which records at least ~~one of a still image and a sound~~ in a still image mode;

(B) a first changing device which changes ~~at least one of a~~ focal length of an image forming optical system ~~and an illuminating angle of a flash device~~; and

~~(C) a restraining device which restrains said changing device from changing said at least one of the focal length of the image-forming optical system and the illuminating angle of the flash device when said recording device records said at least one of the still image and the sound~~

(C) a second changing device which changes an illuminating angle of a flash device; and

(D) a control device which controls said first changing device and said second changing device to change the illuminating angle of the flash device in accordance with the change in the focal length until a mode of said recording device is changed to the still image mode, and restrains said second changing device from changing the illuminating angle of the flash device during the still image mode.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said first changing device includes a motor for changing the focal length of the image forming optical system.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said second changing device includes a motor for changing the illuminating angle of the flash device.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

an operation member which issues an instruction for causing said recording device to record said ~~at least one of the still image and the sound~~, said restraining control device becoming operative to restrain said second changing device from changing the illuminating angle of the flash device in response to the instruction from said operation member.

Claims 9-11 (Cancelled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus capable of picking up an image as a moving image, comprising:

(A) a recording device which records at least a still image in a still image mode; and

(B) a first changing device which changes a focal length of an image forming optical system, ~~said changing device, when said recording device records the still image, being prevented from changing the focal length of the image forming optical system;~~

(C) a second changing device which changes an illuminating angle of a flash device;
and

(D) a control device which controls said first changing device and said second changing device to change the illuminating angle of the flash device in accordance with the change in the focal length until a mode of said recording device is changed to the still image mode, and restrains said first changing device from changing the focal length of an image forming optical system during the still image mode.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said first changing device includes a motor for changing the focal length of the image forming optical system.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 12, further comprising:

an operation member which issues an instruction for causing said recording device to record the still image, said ~~changing control~~ device, in response to the instruction from said operation member, ~~being prevented from changing the focal length of the image forming optical system~~ restraining said first changing device from changing the focal length of an image forming optical system.

Claims 15-21 (Cancelled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus capable of picking up an image as a moving image, comprising:

(A) a recording device which records at least a still image in a still image mode;

(B) a first changing device which changes ~~an illuminating direction of a flash device a~~ focal length of an image forming optical system; and

~~(C) a restraining device which restrains said changing device from changing the illuminating direction of the flash device when said recording device records the still image~~

~~(C) a second changing device which changes an illuminating direction of a flash device;~~
and

~~(D) a control device which controls said first changing device and said second changing device to change the illuminating direction of the flash device in accordance with the change in focal length until a mode of said recording device is changed to the still image mode, and restrains said second changing device from changing the illuminating direction during the still image mode.~~

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): An image pickup apparatus according to claim 22, wherein said first changing device includes a motor for changing the illuminating direction of the flash device.

Claims 24-25 (Cancelled).

Claims 26-27 (Cancelled).

Claim 28 (Currently Amended): A control method for an image pickup apparatus capable of picking up an image as a moving image, comprising the steps of:

(A) recording at least ~~one~~ of a still image and ~~a sound~~ in a still image mode;

(B) first changing ~~at least one~~ of a focal length of an image forming optical system and an illuminating angle of a flash device; and

~~(C) preventing recording of said at least one of the still image and the sound and changing of said at least one of the focal length of the image forming optical system and the illuminating angle of the flash device from being concurrently performed~~

(C) second changing an illuminating angle of a flash device; and

(D) controlling said first changing and said second changing to change the illuminating angle of the flash device in accordance with the change in the focal length until a mode of said recording is changed to the still image mode, and to restrain said second changing from changing the illuminating angle of the flash device during the still image mode.

Claim 29 (Currently Amended): A control method for an image pickup apparatus capable of picking up an image as a moving image, comprising the steps of:

(A) recording at least a still image in a still image mode;

(B) first changing an illuminating direction of a flash device a focal length of an image forming optical system; and

~~(C) preventing recording of the still image and changing of the illuminating direction of the flash device from being concurrently performed~~

(C) second changing an illuminating direction of a flash device; and

(D) controlling said first changing and said second changing to change the illuminating direction of the flash device in accordance with the change in the focal length until a mode of said recording is changed to the still image mode, and to restrain said second changing from changing the illuminating direction of the flash device during the still image mode.

Claims 30-31 (Cancelled).

Claims 32-33 (Cancelled).

Claims 34-35 (Cancelled).

Claims 36-37 (Canceled).